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Deanery Prayer Cycle

Thatcham

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine,
Pat Jones, and Brenda Harland
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Glennan Carnie and Cheryl Eaton-Evans.

Notices & Diary Dates

Advent Course on the Beatitudes

Bishop Stephen has produced an inspirational short study course to enable small groups to deepen their understanding of this key biblical text. He writes:

Together, we are called to be more Christ-like: to be the Church of the Beatitudes: contemplative, compassionate and courageous for the sake of God's world.

Anyone interested in this three session course please let Martin know indicating the times (eg Tue evenings, Wed afternoons) they would be available to host or participate in a small group in the last week of November and the first two weeks of December.

Please send items for inclusion in the Lambourn Valley Welcome by 4.00pm on Wednesday at the latest to both: (Please start Subject Line with VW)
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Lambourn Valley Welcome

St James the Greater Eastbury
All Saints East Garston
St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

Sunday 5th November 2017 4 Before Advent

Welcome to everyone!
We are glad to have you join us
as we worship God in this church.

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
3.00pm Memorial Service Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Saturday:

10.30am Remembrance Service & Parade East Garston

Next Sunday 12th November 2017 Remembrance Sunday

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.45am Remembrance Service Lambourn

Readings

Amos 5:18 - 24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18;
Matthew 25:1 - 13.

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Memorial Service - 3.00pm TODAY

Those bereaved during the year have been especially invited but all are welcome to this service when we remember those we love and see no longer and light candles in their memory. If you would like the name of a loved one read out please add it to the list which you will find on the table next to the visitors' book.

Shoobox appeal 2017

Leaflets and boxes are available in the coffee area at St Michael's or phone Jill on 73920. Boxes should be returned to Lambourn Vicarage by Saturday 11th November. A representative sample of boxes will be blessed at parents & toddlers at 11.30am on Monday 13th November as they are sent off to the depot.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of
the saints:

grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and
fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Micah 3:5 – 12

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry 'Peace'
when they have something to eat,
but declare war against those
who put nothing into their mouths.
Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without revelation.
The sun shall go down upon the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;
the seers shall be disgraced,
and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.
But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.
Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,
who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,
who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!
Its rulers give judgement for a bribe,
its priests teach for a price,
its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the Lord and say,
'Surely the Lord is with us!
No harm shall come upon us.'
Therefore because of you
Zion shall be ploughed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 - 13

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Matthew 24:1 – 14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near to an
innumerable company of angels and to the spirits
of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have
shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.